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SUBJECT: DELAY IN GOI PAYMENT TO EXXON

1. EXXON EASTERN (HOUSTON) OFFICIAL ED BARHAM HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT OF DIFFICULTIES HIS COMPANY IS ENCOUNTERING IN COLLECTING ON COMPENSATION PAYMENT NEGOTIATED AS PART OF SETTLEMENT ENDING EXXON NATIONALIZATION DISPUTE. ACCORDING TO BARHAM, THE FIRST THREE PAYMENTS DUE THE COMPANY WERE RECEIVED ON SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, FOURTH PAYMENT, DUE DECEMBER 31, 1976 FOR RS. 35 LAKHS REPRESENTING REMITTANCE ON COMPANY'S 1973 PROFITS, HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. BARHAM NOTED THAT CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS QUESTION ADDRESSED TO SHRI B.B. VOHRA, SECRETARY OF PETROLEUM MINISTRY, FROM EXXON VICE-PRESIDENT DALE OWENS, DATED FEBRUARY 9 AND MAY 20, REMAINS UNANSWERED.

2. BARHAM HAS ASKED WHETHER LOW KEY INQUIRY MIGHT BE MADE OF PETROLEUM MINISTRY ABOUT THIS MATTER. COMPANY BELIEVES CORRESPONDENCE MAY HAVE BEEN MISPLACED OR THE ISSUE SIDE-TRACKED DURING TRANSITION IN MINISTRY ACCOMPANYING THE
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CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT AND AT THIS POINT SIMPLY WISHES TO LEARN WHETHER OWENS' CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IF THE MINISTRY HAS FOCUSED ON PAYMENTS. BARHAM STATED

THAT HE WILL FORWARD COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE CITED TO COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY TO INQUIRE WITH MINISTRY ABOUT PAYMENT
DUE EXXON. CHRISTOPHER

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